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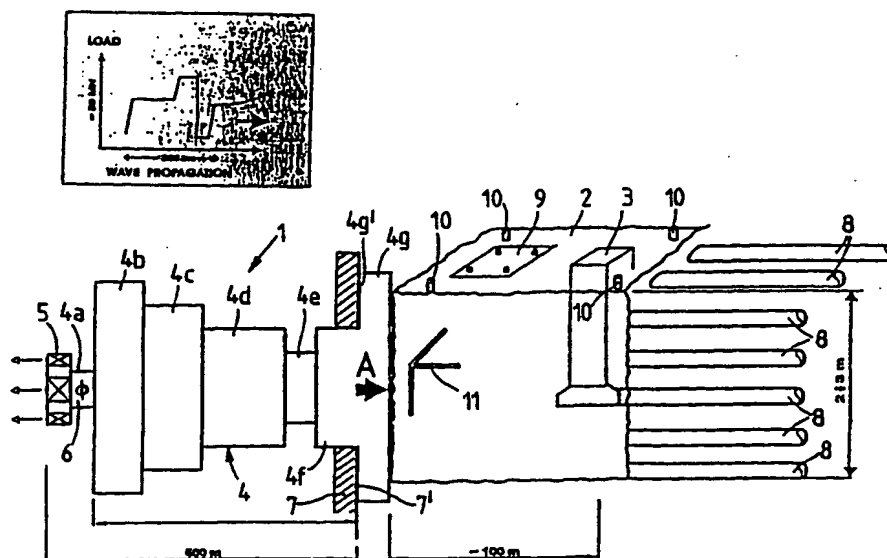
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(57) Abstract

Seismic wave simulation apparatus (1) includes an elastic energy accumulator (4) shaped to induce a simulated seismic wave of known form in a geological specimen (2) in which is embedded the foundation (3) of a building. A hydraulic actuator (5) is used to preload the accumulator (4) in a direction reverse to arrow A and an explosive bolt (6) is exploded, thereby releasing the energy of the accumulator (4) as a seismic wave through the geological specimen (2). The specimen (2) is provided with transducer bars (8) and an electrified metallic thin sheet (9) connected to a Wheatstone bridge in order to obtain various measurements.